

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 5th, 2024

9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship



Love One Another...



Atonement Lutheran Church

Invite • Prepare • Go into the World

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Preludio

-S. Cabezón

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God the Father †, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters,

God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Loving God,

We do not always keep your commandments. We fail to love you; we fail to love our neighbor. We have held grudges toward our enemies, and been self-serving in our relationships. Forgive us and lead us to genuine repentance. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again, through the mercy and grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through Christ. Know that you are pardoned and be at peace. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Take My Life, That I May Be

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** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 98

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to
judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING*1 John 5:1-6**A reading from first John*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONOh, Sing to the Lord*

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1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

Let us unite our hearts in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need: God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

As your Son promised to grant us whatever we ask in his name, grant that our ministry may testify to what we pray, showing forth your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Are One, Lord

-S. Pethel

*Offering gifts are gratefully received
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Almighty God,

Receive the gifts we bring- ourselves and the fruit of our labor- in gratitude for your goodness to us and all the world; through the Risen One, Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

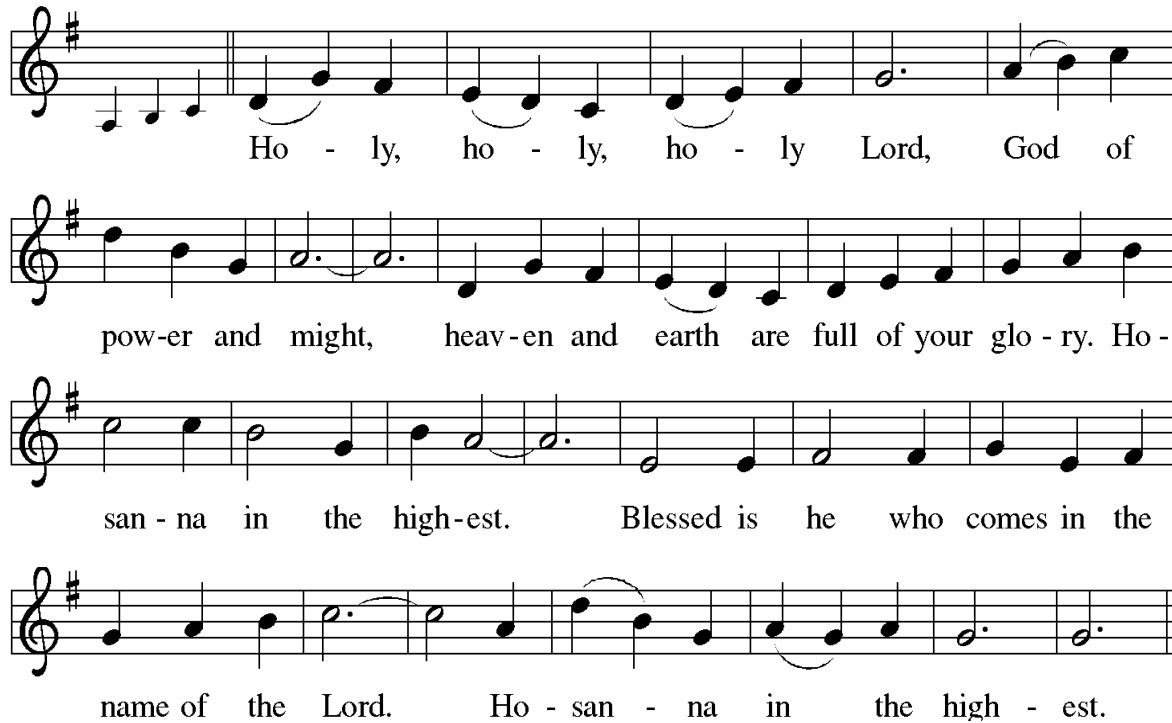
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

.... We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

With all the saints in everlasting light, we pray;

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.

~Come forward by the center aisle.

~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.

~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.

~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,

In you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love through service, mercy, and compassion, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

May God † who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you and keep you forevermore. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

On Our Way Rejoicing

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***DISMISSAL**

Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Pues Si Vivimos

*The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
and following it, to respond with "Amen!"*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Rob White
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Usher	Skip Waterstreet
Counters	John Kruidenier, Tom Thompson
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Fellowship Host	John Kruidenier

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR

****TODAY* following worship***

Join us in Reissig Hall for beverages, snacks, and conversation.

MAY ADULT FORUM

Sunday, May 12th following worship

Join us in Reissig Hall for beverages and snacks as Karan & Tom Thompson talk about their trip to Taiwan.

Sunday, May 19th following worship

Join us in Reissig Hall for beverages and snacks as Samantha Wolfe (Desiree's daughter) speaks about affordable housing.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Is your child graduating from high school, college, or grad school this spring? If they are, please send an Email to the church office (office@atonementrochester.org) with:

1. Their name
2. The name of their school
3. A brief description of their future plans

You are also welcome to include a photo to share!

GREATER ROCHESTER WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC

**** TODAY * at 3:00 p.m.***

Come to the Glazer Music Performance Center at Nazareth University, 4245 East Avenue. All free will offerings at the door will benefit the *Willow Domestic Abuse Center*. Nancy Strelau will be conducting music from Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2 by Sergei Prokofiev and selections from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein/Mason. Featured performance by Jung Choi, oboe, in the world premiere of *Silence* by Sungji Hung.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?

May 11th 9:00-11:00

Did you know?... Gardening is a simple way to reduce stress and improve your mental health. Studies show that spending time in nature and performing gardening activities can lower cortisol (a stress hormone) levels and increase feelings of well-being. Gardening also assists in the improvement of local air quality, and supports pollinators. Our Atonement garden also helps to nourish those in need, providing healthy food from our harvest.

What can you do to help? ... It's time to refresh and wake up our garden beds to get them growing. Come join us next *Saturday, May 11th* to reduce your stress and increase your own well-being. Be sure to dress for the weather, and feel free to bring any gardening tools you may have. *Everyone is welcome.*

GREEN TIP

According to Douglas Tallamy, a professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, if each American landowner made it a goal to convert half of his or her lawn to productive native plant communities, even moderate success could collectively restore some semblance of ecosystem function to more than twenty million acres of what is now ecological wasteland.

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Amamos los unos a los otros

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

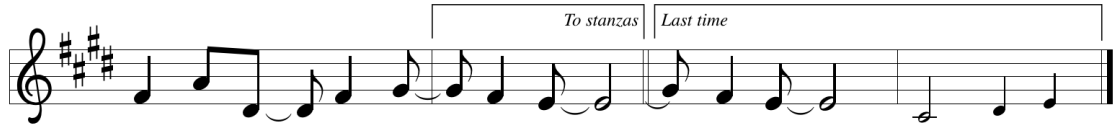
Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estrillo

Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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Welcome to worship,

and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation

or learning more about our ministries,

please speak to our Pastor.



MISSION STATEMENT

Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:

***Invite** all people into the presence of the living God,*

***Prepare** for ministry in daily life and*

***Go** into the world as disciples*

Our Church Nursery is available
for parents to use with their children.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you"*

-John 15:12



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